1	2	3	4	5
Gujarat	40,000	1088	1094.35	40,000
H.P.	25,000	1131	1136.48	25,000
Haryana	30,000	1021	1021.77	30,000
J & K	30,000	1176	1177.82	30,000
Jharkhand	20,000	1116	1123.46	20,000
Karnataka	50,000	1161	1172.48	50,000
Kerala	60,000	1185	1197.46	60,000
Lakshadweep	1,000	1223	1234.69	-
M.P.	50,000	1078	1083.38	50,000
Maharashtra	75,000	1121	1129.77	75,000
Manipur	5,000	1276	1285.86	2,000
Meghalaya	5,000	1177	1185.68	2,000
Mizoram	5,000	1221	1231.60	2,000
Nagaland	10,000	1142	1151.30	2,000
Orissa	30,000	1135	1144.43	30,000
Puducherry	1,000	1164	1175.51	2,000
Punjab	40,000	1021	1021.77	40,000
Rajasthan	30,000	1047	1049.69	30,000
Sikkim	5,000	1162	1170.60	2,000
Tamil Nadu	50,000	1154	1165.13	50,000
Tripura	10,000	1239	1249.29	2,000
Uttar Pradesh	40,000	1055	1058.89	40,000
Uttarakhand	25,000	1036	1037.65	25,000
W. Bengal	50,000	1120	1128.12	50,000
TOTAL	9,09,000			8,68,000

NOTE: 1. Allocation to State Governments for distribution to household consumers & small processors has been extended up to 31.12.2008.

2. Allocation to States for sale through tender (by FCI) has been extended upto 31.1.2009.

Procurement of foodgrains by private companies directly from farmers

1297. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would agree to ban procurement of foodgrains from farmers by private companies and middlemen; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government agencies procure from farmers the foodgrains conforming to FAQ specifications at Minimum Support Price (MSP). As per Government policy farmers are free to sell their produce to the Government agencies at MSP or to private agencies, as is advantageous to them. Therefore, the Government do not propose to ban procurement of foodgrains from farmers by agencies other than Government agencies.

(b) Does not arise.

Edible oil prices

†1298. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a significant slump in the prices of edible oils in the international market during the period of August-November, 2008;

(b) if so, the average prices of different edible oils in international market during the said period;

(c) whether those prices were less to the prices of edible oils in India;

(d) if so, the fact in this regard and whether Government has curbed the import of edible oils by raising the import duty on it; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per information available, the prices of edible oils in the international market during the period of August-November, 2008 have been as under :-

(FOB in US $ per ton)

Month	Monthly average prices of edible oils in international market		
	RBD Palmolein	Soyabean oil	Sunflower oil
August, 2008	927	1150	1245
September, 2008	782	1029	1109
October, 2008	589	876	866
November, 2008	512	722	745

(c) to (e) As per information available, the prices of edible oils in the international market and in India during the period of August- November, 2008 have been as under :-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi